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b. Deterioration by Policy

Beginning in 1958 and surging forward in 1959 was the policy of "politics must assume leadership" in China. Above being a theory in all phases of Chinese activity, it was also a concept that had to be discussed. Without exception all serial publications in China have been presenting quantities of verbiage on how the big leap forward must be pushed with planned management and with politics as the lead. From the Chinese point of view this has been an important use of all published literature. For our intelligence community it has meant that factual data has been replaced in large part by "pep talks."

c. Deterioration by Intent

This is an inferential point: China during the past 13 months has been in economic and political ferment. After a rash of published data which China rather belatedly admitted was unreliable and/or downright fabrication, instructions may have been given to withhold factual reporting except for small scale operations until the cadres were surer of their grounds.

3. Newspapers

For certain categories of information, Chinese newspapers have been the main sources: plan and plan fulfillment and budget reports on the national and provincial level; agricultural statistics; transportation; industrial plant data; and military. Military information had been drawn almost exclusively from the Chieh-fang-chun Pao (Liberation Army Daily) until it became unavailable in September 1958. At present all military information, except as indicated under periodicals below, must be drawn from daily newspapers.

During the past year there has been a serious development in newspaper procurement and exploitation. During 1958 between 30-40 titles were received fairly regularly in hard copies, i.e. originals, 75 percent of which came through regular procurement [redacted]

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The situation on procurement changes almost monthly, usually for the worse. The receipt of July 1959 titles, which is representative of the general condition, given the following picture:

25X1C	Hard copy titles	[redacted]	7
25X1C	Microfilm copies (not duplicating hard copies)	[redacted]	13
	Hard copies	[redacted]	6
	Hard copies	[redacted]	2
	Total		28

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Only eight of the titles received on microfilm normally arrive in hard copies in from four to six months after date of publication.

Most of the hard copy titles are published in Peking. The other hard copies for July were from Shanghai (2), Tumen, Tibet, Huashu, Kiangsi, Kisan, Tsinghai, Tsinling, and Shantung.

Microfilm copies were from Chekiang, Hankow, Chungking, Hoeyeh, Nanking, Hwangsi, Liaoning, Liao-ta (Port Arthur-Dairen), Canton, Inner Mongolia, Shensi, Sian, and Nankin.

25X1C Consequently, the exploitation of the press is effected, both
in PEP [redacted] by:

- a. fewer titles
- b. inferior quality of data (see Introduction)
- c. difficulties arising from need to process quantities of microfilm (The July receipts involved approximately 1,500 frames of microfilm. It is estimated that the overall exploitation of a newspaper on microfilm requires ILLEGIB three times as long as a hard copy. }

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b. Sources formerly important, now of less value

- (1) Chi-hsieh Kung-yeh Chou-pao (Machine Industry Weekly), weekly. (Formerly called Chi-hsieh Kung-yeh). Contains more plant level but less provincial and national level information than formerly.
- (2) Ch'i-ch'e (Automobile), monthly; information more on technical level, less on economic level than formerly.
- (3) Ch'i-ch'e yu T'o-la-ch'i (Automobile and Tractor). This periodical has replaced Ch'i-ch'e above, as official publication of the 6th Bureau, First Ministry of Machine Building. Like the Ch'i-ch'e it concerns itself with technical rather than production and economic data.

c. Little change (see explanation above)

- (1) Chung-kuo Ch'ing-kung-yeh (China Light Industry), biweekly
- (2) Tsao-chih Kung-yeh (Paper Industry), monthly
- (3) Chi-hsieh Chin-tsao (Machine Building), monthly
- (4) Chi-ch'uang yu Kung-chu (Machine Tools and Tools), monthly
- (5) Chung-hsing Chi-hsieh (Heavy Machinery), monthly
- (6) Chung-kuo Tsao-chuan (China's Shipbuilding), quarterly
- (7) Tien-chi Kung-yeh (Electrical Equipment Industry), monthly

2. Chemical Industry

a. None

b. None

c. Little change (see explanation above)

- (1) Hua-hsueh Kung-yeh (Chemical Industry), monthly
- (2) Hua-hsueh Shi-chieh (Chemical World), monthly

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3. Textiles

a. Important sources not received currently

- (1) Chung-kuo Fang-chih (China's Textiles), biweekly
Aug 1958 (However, in September 1959 microfilms
covering period August '58-July '59 were received
and are now being exploited. There is no apparent
deterioration in quality of data.)

b. Sources formerly important, now of less value

- (1) Feng-chih Tung-pao (Textiles Journal; now includes
the former Jan-cheng Tung-pao - Dyeing Journal),
monthly. Production and factual data has given way
to technical information.

c. Little change

- (1) Chekiang Seu-chou (Chekiang Silk)

4. Metallurgy

a. Important sources not received currently

- (1) Yeh-chin Pao (Metallurgical News), weekly; May 1958
(However, two July 1959 issues were received via non-
routine channels in September 1959. Further receipt
is speculative).
- (2) Yeh-chin Chien-she (Metallurgical Construction),
thriocmonthly; 11 Nov 58 (only issue received).
- (3) Xang-t'ieh (Iron and Steel) monthly; April 1958.
(One issue, July 1959, recently received. Continuing
receipt is speculative).

b. None

c. Little change (see explanation above)

- (1) Yu-se Chin-shu (Non-Ferrous Metals), biweekly
- (2) Chin-shu Hauch-pao (Acta Metallurgica Sinica), quarterly
- (3) Han-chieh (Welding), monthly
- (4) Chu-kung (Casting), monthly

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5. Construction and Construction Materials

a. Important sources not received currently

- (1) Chien-she Yush-k'an (Construction Monthly), monthly
Dec 1957
- (2) Chien-chu Chai-shu (Construction Technology), semi-monthly.
Sept 1958
- (3) Ch'eng-chih Chien-che (Municipal Construction), monthly.
Mar 1958 (except receipt of July 1959 issue, which displayed a significant drop in quality of information).
- (4) Chien-chu Kung-jen (Construction Worker), monthly
changed to Chien-chu Kung-jen Chou-pao (Construction Worker Weekly) in March 1958.
May 1958

b. None.

c. Little change (see explanation above)

- (1) Chien-chu (Construction), biweekly
- (2) Kung-ch'eng Chien-chu (Engineering and Construction), monthly
- (3) Chien-chu Tsai-liao Kung-yeh (Construction Materials Industry), monthly
- (4) Chien-chu She-chi (Construction Designing), (one issue only received in August 1959.)

6. Agriculture

a. None

b. Sources formerly important, now of less value

- (1) Shih-p'in Kung-yeh (Food Industry), biweekly; formerly good source for data on storage facilities and other aspects of distribution of agricultural products. Receipts resumed recently after an eight month lapse. Presently deals with technical aspects of small-scale production facilities, marginal foods such as seasonings, etc. Has proven to be of no current value to our consumers.

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(2) Chung-iueh Hung-pao (China Agriculture), bimonthly.
Now becomes technical and small scale.

c. Little change (see explanation above)

(1) Jo-tai Tao-wu (Tropical Crops), semi-monthly

(2) Ju-chung Hung-yeh K'o-hsueh P'ing-pao (East China
Agricultural Science Bulletin), monthly

(3) Shensi Hung-yeh K'o-hsueh (Shensi Agricultural Science),
monthly

(4) Hung-yeh Chi-hsieh (Mechanized Agriculture), semi-monthly

(5) Chung-iueh Hung-k'an (China's Realization), semi-monthly
(Formerly Chi-hsien-hua Hung-yeh (Mechanized Agriculture)).

(6) Chung-kuo Ch'u-an-shih Hsu-chih (China's Animal Hu-
manity and Veterinary Journal), bi-monthly

7. Water Conservation (See Electric Power)

8. Petroleum

a. Important sources not received currently

(1) Shih-yu Lien-chih (Petroleum Refining), monthly
~~Aug 1958~~

(2) Shih-yu K'uang-t'an (Petroleum Survey), bi-weekly, 17 May 1959.

b. none

c. none

9. Mining

a. None

b. None

c. Little change (see explanation above)

(1) Hui-kiung Chi-shu (Coal Mining Technology), monthly

(2) Hui-tien Hung-yeh (Coal Industry), bimonthly

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10. Finance, Economic Plans and Statistics, Trade, Manpower

a. Important sources not received currently

(1) Tung-chi Yen-chiu (Statistical Research), monthly.
Ceased publication in September 1958.

(2) Chin-jung Yen-chiu (Financial Research), quarterly.
Jan 1958

(3) Jen-min Shui-wu (People's Taxation), Dec 1958

b. Sources formerly important, now of less value

(1) Ts'ai-cheng (Finance), biweekly. Valuable items found
with far less frequency than hitherto.

c. Little change (see explanation above)

(1) Chi-hua yu T'ung-chi (Plans and Statistics), biweekly;
This publication resulted from a merger in December 1958,
of T'ung-chi Kung-tso (Statistical Work Bulletin) and
Chi-hua Ching-chi (Planned Economy).

(2) Ching-chi Yen-chiu (Economic Research), bimonthly.
(However, this publication is only 60 percent as large
as the 1958 issues).

(3) Chung-kuo Chin-jung (China's Finance), biweekly

(4) Chungking Kung-shang (Chungking Industry and Commerce),
biweekly

(5) Kuang-chou Kung-shang (Canton Industry and Commerce),
biweekly

(6) Chung-yang Ho-tao Tung-hsun (Central Cooperative News),
monthly

(7) Hsin Kung-shang (New Industry and Commerce), biweekly

(8) Tung-nan Ya Shang-ch'ing (Southeast Asia Commerce),
daily and weekly. December '58-March '59 issues of
this "Internal Use Only" bulletin were first received in
FDD on 13 October 1959. Initial evaluation indicates
marginal value, but occasional data on the subject of
foreign trade; this justifies regular exploitation since
so little data on China's foreign trade is published in
Chinese publications.

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(9) Lao-tung (labor), monthly

11. Transportation

a. Important sources not received currently

- (1) T'ieh-tao Chou-kan (Railway Weekly), weekly; [Three July 1959 issues were received recently, but continuing receipt is speculative].
- (2) T'ieh-lu Shang-wu Chuan-k'an (Railway Operations Journal), monthly; discontinued in Jan '59. The information it carried is reportedly carried in public notices, not received in PDD.

b. Sources formerly important, now of less value

- (1) Kung-lu (Highway), monthly. Now contains little highway information; it concentrates on articles of current political movements, speeches and reports by ChiCom leaders, etc, i.e. general re-hash.
- (2) Shui-yun (Water Transportation), monthly. Issues from December 1958 to June 1959 not received. The few recent issues received are like the Kung-lu, above.

c. None

12. Posts and Telecommunications

a. Important sources not received currently

- (1) Jen-min Yu-tien Kung-jen (China Posts and Telecommunications Worker), monthly; not received since 1957.
- (2) Local and provincial Yu-tien (e.g. Shanghai Yu-tien - Shanghai Posts and Telecommunications). A number of these were received with varying regularity during 1958. None received currently.

b. Sources formerly important, now of less value

- (1) Jen-min Yu-tien (People's Posts and Telecommunications). Formerly an invaluable, and almost exclusive, source of national level information in this field. It now is highly concerned with politics and avoids statistics, especially on plans and fulfillment. On 3 October 1959 it merged with Jen-min Yu-tien Kung-jen (Peoples' Telecommunication Worker) and will be called Jen-min

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Yu-tien Pao, to be published twice weekly, about 4 pages per issue. Frequently, when this happens to journals in China they cease to be available outside of China.

c. Little change (see explanation above)

(1) Tien-hsin Chi-shu T'ung-hsun (Telecommunications Technology Bulletin), quarterly

(2) T'ien-hsin K'o-hsueh (Telecommunications Science), monthly

(3) Wu-hsien-tien (Radio), monthly

13. Electric Power

a. None

b. Sources formerly important, now of less value

(1) Shui-li yu Tien-li (Water Conservation and Electric Power), monthly. This periodical combines the former Jen-min Tien-yeh (People's Electric Power Industry), Chung-kuo Shui-li (China Water Conservation), and Shui-li Tien-li Kung-jen Pao (Water Conservation and Electric Power Workers). The publication is now devoted almost exclusively to the technical side of the electric power industry plus speeches, movements, etc. concerned with solving operation and production problems.

(2) Shui-li Shui-tien Chien-she (Water Conservation and Hydroelectric Power Construction), monthly. This publication combines the former Shui-li Fa-tien (Hydroelectric Power) and Chung-kuo Shui-li (China Water Conservation). Comments same as for (1) above.

c. None

14. Geographic

a. None.

b. None.

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c. Little change (see explanation above)

(1) Ti-li Chih-shih (Geographical Knowledge), monthly

(2) Ti-li Hsueh-pao (Acta Geographica Sinica), quarterly

15. Political and Sociological

a. None.

b. None.

c. Little change (see explanation above)

(1) Che-hsueh Yen-chiu (Philosophical Research), bimonthly

(2) Cheng-chih Hsueh-hsi (Political Studies), monthly

(3) Hung-ch'i (Red Flag), biweekly

(4) Cheng-fa Yen-chiu (Administrative and Legal Research), bimonthly

(5) Li-lun Chan-hsien (Theoretical Front), bimonthly

(6) Hsin Chien-she (New Construction), monthly

(7) Chuang-huo Ch'ing-nien (China's Youth), biweekly

(8) Chung-huo Fu-nu (China's Women), monthly

(9) Fu-tao-yuan (Instructor), monthly

(10) Min-tzu T'u-an-chieh (Nationalities Solidarity), monthly

(11) Min-tzu Yen-chiu (Nationalities Research), monthly

(12) Shih-chih Chih-shih (World Knowledge), biweekly

(13) Kuo-chi Wen-t'i Yen-chiu (Research on International Problems)

(14) Chiao-hsueh Yu Yen-chiu (Teaching and Research), monthly

16. Religion

a. Important sources not received currently

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(1) T'ien-feng (Heavenly Wind), a Christian journal, monthly
Dec 1958

(2) Chung-kuo Mu-Szu-lin (China Moslem), monthly; one issue
only received, in 1958.

b. None.

c. Little change (see explanation above)

(1) Hsien-tai Fo-hsueh (Modern Buddhism), monthly

17. Education

a. Important sources not received currently

(1) Jen-min Chiao-yu (People's Education), monthly;
July 1958 (reportedly discontinued publication).

(2) Provincial Education Journals (e.g. Anhwei Chiao-yu,
Hunan Chiao-yu, etc.,) for about 15 provinces of China,
Formerly received by FDD, have not been received since
mid-1958).

b. None.

c. None.

18. Military

a. Important sources not received currently

(1) Chieh-fang-chun Pao (Liberation Army Daily), daily;
23 Sept 58

(2) Jen-min Hai-chun (People's Navy), monthly; Aug 1957

(3) Kung-an Chien-she (Public Security Construction),
monthly, Mar 1957

(4) Jen-min K'ung-chun (People's Air Force), monthly
Never received,

(5) Regional and unit newspapers. Never received.

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New Receipts

1. Hang-kung Chih-shih(Aviation Knowledge), monthly. Issues for May and June 1959 were first receipts of this periodical. Contains both civilian and military aviation data. [redacted]

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[FDD continues to receive Chieh-fang-chun Chan-shih (PLA Warrior), monthly; and Chieh-fang-chun Hua-pao (PLA Pictorial), biweekly.]

The above three are the only military publications known to be received in the intelligence community.

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